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APPLICANT: James N. Bates et al. GROUP ART NO: 1651
SERIAL NO: 09/879,710 EXAMINER: Naff, Da
FILED: June 12, 2001
TITLE: S-METHYLCYSTEINE, S-ETHYLCYSTEINE, AND
RELATED S-ALKYLTHIOLS AS ANTAGONISTS
TO THE EFFECTS OF S-NITROSOTHIOLS AND
NITRIC OXIDE

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above identified application for one month from July 23, 2002 to August 23, 2002.

Applicant is a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27. A small entity statement under 37 CFR 1.27 has already been filed in this application.

A check for \$55.00 for one month is enclosed to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 26-0084. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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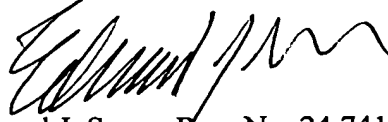
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I hereby certify that this document and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this 14 day of August, 2002.

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